# TAMESIDES FIRST COMMUNITY PAPER

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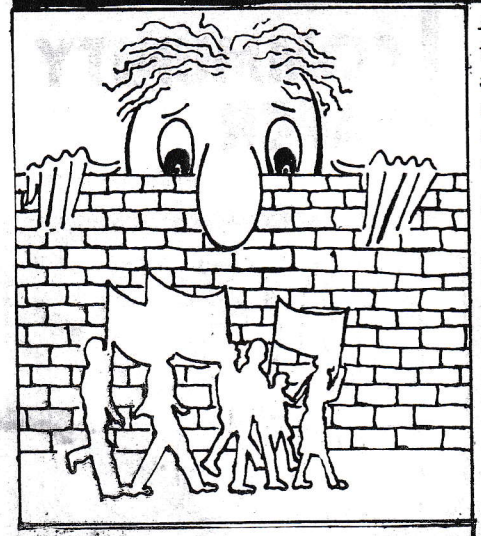
# Peek a boo Mac



A few weeks ago WEB provided the biggest contingent to a poorly attended May Day parade sponsored by the Tameside Trades Council. Despite what the 'Reporter' said the parade was peaceful and orderly.
The only unusual feature was the suspicious behaviour of that well known West End Councillor Pat McEneaney As the parade passed St. Peter's School a strange figure was seen lurking behind the building. Every so often a head would pop out for a look and then pop back again. Despite friendly calls of "Come on out Mac, we can see you" and "Don't be scared Mac it's only us" the parade-shy councillor stayed in hiding behind St. Peter's until the parade passed by and he could scurry safely back to his toffee shop.
There's nowt so funny as folk is there?

## YOUTH NEWS

We've just had our first table tennis knockout competition. 16 contestants playing the best of 3 games. The final was between Peter Petrou and Jimmy Pearson. Peter won 21-13, 22-20 and a pound note!

We entered a 5-a-side competition at Hyde Youth Club the other week. Our team was John Adamson, Dave Roberts, Dalpek Ari, Roy Sandiford, and me, Chris Hyde. We played 3 matches against St. Christopher's, St. Mary's and Hyde Youth Club. We didn't come away with any cups and although we lost we enjoyed the matches and the challenge of the game.

## WHATS WEB?

WEB is the West End's local paper - giving local news/views/information written by West Enders.
Make the most of it!!!

We need your ideas, your stories, your photographs, your news.

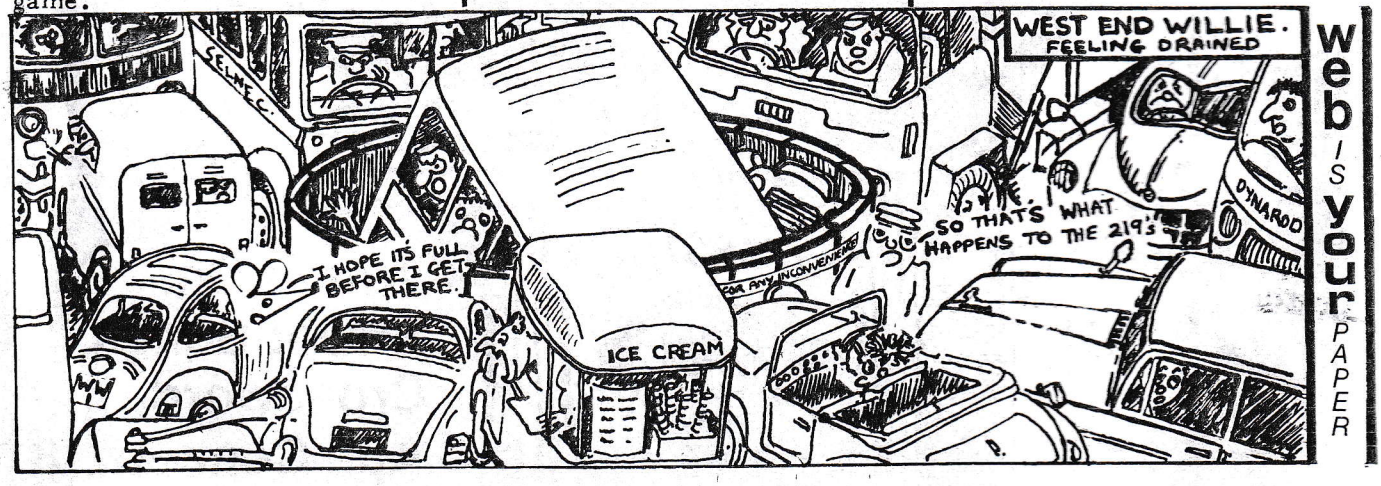
We need *YOU!!*

## W.E.B PEAK VIEWING

If you saw 'Granada Reports' a couple of weeks ago you would have seen a short film all about WEB. There were interviews, shots of meetings and people selling. It all looked dead 'realistic'. In fact they made us say and do everything three times over before they got it 'right'. So, next time you see a 'realistic' film report on T. V. just think how much rehearsal went into it. Even so, it's nice to see big T. V. companies taking an interest in small community groups. After the show we got calls from as far afield as Liverpool, but none, nudge, nudge, from the West End!

## SMOKE SCREEN

Now that Tameside have at last rehoused most of the families living in the West End clearance area you would next expect to see the bulldozers moving in. Not so with Tameside. They have decided that this area should now be declared a smokeless zone. As a result, a gentleman has been doing a survey in Hertford St. and John St. to see which houses need converting.



# west park news

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH WEST PARK?

West Park Estate is an island between a main road and a clearance area. Yet it is an island with no centre where people can meet and as the amenities of the clearance area run down so, it seems, do those of the estate.

### THE FLATS

People in the high rise flats are worried about the fouling and misuse of corridors and lifts, but they have no power to control these areas. There is a high proportion of old and disabled people who are lonely or even at risk because of their isolation from their neighbours and from the world. If they do manage to get out they are in danger of being bowled over by the strong winds which whip round the Estate since the destruction of trees originally put in as wind breaks.

### THE MAISONETTES

In the maisonettes the problems can be cracks in the walls and damp from blocked drains and broken downspouts. There is a high proportion of children with precious little playspace, a problem which is still not being dealt with in local 'planning' These children are at risk since panels in balcony railings are not being replaced when they are broken or fall out. The attitude of the council is clear from its approach to the

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## WEST PARK RESIDENTS' MEETING

At a meeting in West End Community Centre recently, some residents of West Park Estate discussed the idea of forming a group to tackle the problems of the Estate. Before going any further they are thinking over the aims of the group. Anyone living on the Estate could be a member, housebound or active, and there would be no membership fee. Anyone who is interested can contact the group through West End Community Centre. (Tel. 339 2728).

## PLAYSPACE PROBLEM

A petition recently passed round West Park Estate draws attention to the shortage of playing space for the children there. Covering most of the 100 or so maisonettes on the Estate, and about half of the 200 or so flats in the high rise blocks, 202 signatures were collected and over 200 children were counted. The petition suggests that the council might loan the empty land behind the Wagon & Horses as a play area for the Estate, which up to now has had to make do with the laughably named 'monkey park', a concrete area in front of Hamer Close. The petition was submitted to the council.

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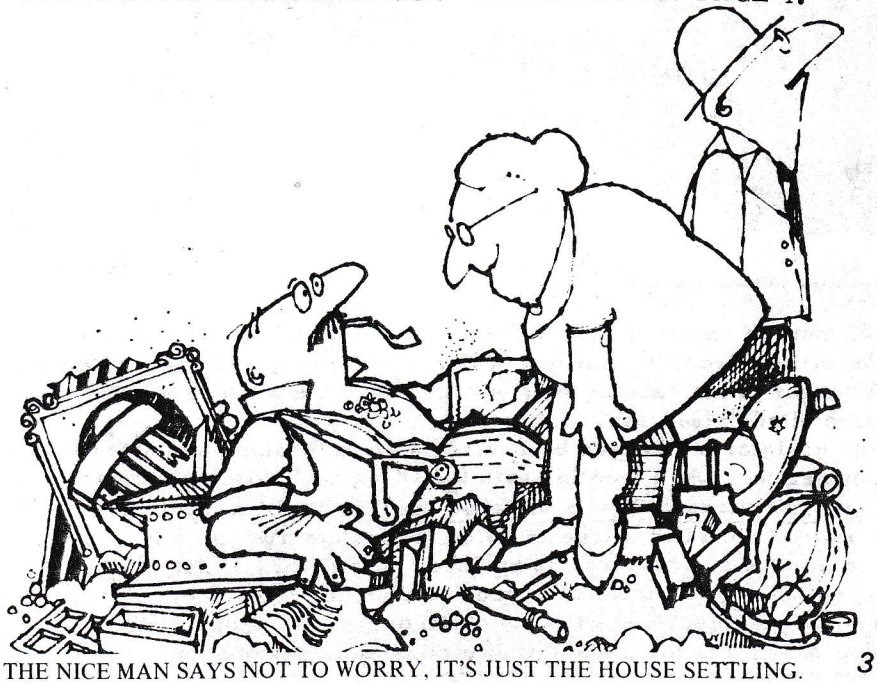

THE NICE MAN SAYS NOT TO WORRY, IT'S JUST THE HOUSE SETTLING.

# Kelvin Loses Out

## BUT Back To Normal In Sept?

Traders on Stockport Road/ Birch Street corner have been badly hit by the Kelvin St diversion, some losing up to £80 per week. Even if the diversion only lasts til September this will mean losses of over £1000, with no compensation from Tameside expected.

The takings of the Fish and Chip shop at 186 Stockport Road have suffered badly; across the road the business of Mrs Andrew's off-licence, and butcher Mr Ashton, are slightly affected by regular customers being reluctant to cross the road.

The Trafalgar Transport Cafe and Trafalgar Chip Shop which rely a lot on passing trade, are badly hit because of the diversion. Janet's Fish Bar on Kelvin St estimates its takings to be 25% down. The loss was even greater when the road was a 'Dead End'

A ray of hope is that according to reliable sources the diversion will go back to the light system on Stockport Road by September.

## Fumes & Noise

Since the diversion began there have been a number of accidents and any number of incidents on Kelvin St. It's quite a common sight to see old people and kids dithering dangerously on the edge of the pavement as a stream of traffic roars by.

And, now that the hot weather has come, the poor residents can't open their windows and doors for the fumes and noise.

KELVIN ST. FOUL-UP

WHAT'S WRONG? CONTINUED

heating difficulties encountered during the winter, and affecting nearly all the Estate; the pavement over the heating pipe near the shops has still not been reinstated (a matter over which the council is legally liable), and still, most people have not been reimbursed for the heat which was not provided, but which was paid for. For West Park Estate Tameside is neither a caring landlord nor an effective council

PLAYSPACE PROBLEM. CONT.

After a visit by one of their representatives, Tameside Recreation Dept. now backs the plan to use the ground behind the pub, and of course its commitment will be needed in leveling and preparing the area. The whole thing now hangs on a decision by Estates Dept. to loan the land.


Mrs. Grainey

Baby Wear-Ladies Wear

Agent for Drycleaning

Alterations and Repairs

82, STOCKPORT Rd. A.-U. L.


WEST PARK HEALTH HAZARD

Parents of children on the Estate have expressed concern about dogs fouling the grass play area: An extract from 'Conditions of Tenancy' reads, "unless written consent is obtained from the Housing Manager in the case of multi-storey flats, the keeping of any livestock, including cats and dogs, is prohibited." (see rent book).

But no information has been circulated to tenants, and since then there have been additions to the pet population. At a meeting with the Divisional Housing Officer on 17th March it was decided that "if a tenant acquires a dog or replaces one this would be in breach of Tenancy Regulations."

Dogs exercised on a lead while on the Estate are one thing....dogs turned out-of-doors to roam while the owners are at work, is another. Ownership is not confined to the tenants in the multi-storey flats, as evidenced by the excreta seen outside the front doors of the upper storey maisonettes.

In many areas, where the civic authorities take some pride in keeping their streets clean, there is a five pound fine for owners whose dogs foul pavements.

A WEST PARK RESIDENT.

# FACE TO FACE

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## Web Interviews Cnllr. Ruffley

WHO ARE THEY?....WHAT DO THEY STAND FOR? AND WHY?
WEB GOES FACE TO FACE WITH PROMINENT PEOPLE IN W.E.

Q. What do you feel that your responsibilities as a Councillor are?
A. To keep the officials in their place. Tameside is like a business company with £44million to spend and about 9,000 employees. We have to try and make sure the money is directed to the proper use.
Q. What Committees are you on?
A. Housing.
This is a serious question. You are talking about putting the right people in the right housing and paid officials do this. It causes tremendous problems if you put the wrong people in the wrong house.

## House Heist

The selling of council houses is the robbery of a house from the council. O.K., people do them up but they are still on a council estate. Council houses are better than private owner occupieds because they were built to last until they were paid for - 60 years.
People who have bought council houses can sell to anyone outside Tameside, therefore a house is lost for a local person.

How do you feel about racism?
I am anti-racist. It is the press again, like the Express and Mail, giving the wrong impression. It is no use saying ship everyone home - the country would collapse. I am grateful that we have qualified immigrants who do their jobs well. Our coloured friends make no claim on the housing list, they buy their own houses and look after their parents.
They don't come to me saying 'Well, what are you going to do about my mother then!'

Social Services.
Again, you have paid officials and they have to realise that they are dealing with people's lives.

## Soc. Insecurity

People read the Mirror and Sun and get the wrong idea. People on S.S. get the basic minimum to just keep their heads up and they do their damnest with it. It's not their fault that they are out of a job. Like when Intex closed down, Ashton cannot afford it. It is already a dormitory town, people only sleep here. Not many sleep and also work in Tameside.

Finance.
What do you think of the spending cuts?
If we have to cut spending it should be minimal. At present it is maximum under the Tories, so they can reduce the rates next year.

## Abortion

How do you feel about abortion?
I'm for abortion. Every child should be a wanted child. When you have children you don't want then the problems start.

Q. What would you like to see in the West End?
A. A better community spirit. People are getting together for the Jubilee and having to pay for it out of their own pockets at that! Just because the Queen has been on the throne for 25 years! Why cannot people now realise that they could have a party because its Ada's birthday down the street.

## Web Comment

Frank Ruffley is a humanist, he believes in people and spends an enormous amount of time and effort doing the job Voluntarily WEB noted that Mr. Ruffley has never claimed any expenses, unlike some councillors in the area, who claimed about £1,000 each last year!

## FACE TO FACE!

YOUR PROBLEMS ARE OURS SO BRING THEM ALONG TO US,
COUNCILLORS: F. RUFFLEY, J. V. PETIT & P. McENEANEY.
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TRAFALGAR SQ. NURSERY
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HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
3RD SAT. EVERY MONTH 10-12 NOON

# TAMESIDE

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## abortion

Last year there were untold numbers of back street abortions in England and Wales, although free legal abortions have been available since 1967. Now a bill designed to make it more difficult to get NHS abortions is in the pipeline.

### benyon

If this Bill (brain child of Mr. Benyon, Tory MP) goes through, it is certain that the number of dangerous, illegal backstreet abortions will rise.

NAC (National Abortion Campaign) are fighting Benyon's Bill and campaigning for free abortion on demand. They argue that it should be the decision of individual parents whether to abort an unwanted pregnancy - not the decision of Parliament.

NAC held a meeting at Ashton AUEW, Victoria St., on May 12. One interesting fact that came up at the meeting is that Tameside is fortunate enough to have a gynaecologistwho performs N. H. S. abortions by the Vacuum extraction method.

### safe

This is a method developed recently and not widely used yet. It can only be used in early pregnancy. However, it has big advantages: it is safe, and it takes only minutes to perform, so the patient does not have to be hospitalised, which is pleasanter for the patient, and cheaper for the National Health.

It is good to know that Ashton is ahead of other areas in one important health field - pity we can't say the same for all kinds of health care'.

(See Health Ills on page 9)

## N.A.C.

If you are interested please contact, Brenda Hildritch, 1B Buckley Street, Audenshaw. 370 1021

## blue films

Several of our most respected Councillors regularly visit local cinemas for private showings of dirty films!'. But, before you demand their resignation, you ought to know that the Councillors in question (who include West End locals Macaneney and Newsome) are members of the 'Tameside Environmental Health and Control Committee'. That is to say, they are official censors.

### Depravity!

One of these censors, Mrs. Newsome, feels strongly that such films 'deprave' and 'corrupt' the people who go to see them. That's a disturbing thought because Mrs. Newsome herself has, in her official capacity, seen quite a lot of these films recently. Isn't she herself in grave danger of being 'depraved' and 'corrupted'??

### Morals

Surely, she must be, so WEB would respectfully suggest that, for the good of her moral health, Mrs. Newsome should retire from the committee before it is too late and allow someone else to see all the dirty films.

Please form an orderly queue and no pushing at the back there.

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AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD,
ALL HOUSEHOLD REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN INSIDE AND OUT.

**Les Harris Services**
**199, Stockport Road**
**Tel. 330 4368**

## No Comment

Just after going to see "Vanessa" Councillor Devaney was quoted as saying that the people who go to see films like that 'must be sick'.

# EYE

**THE COLUMN THAT KEEPS YOU IN THE KNOW....**

## mac's memo

Employees of Tameside's famous Recreation Dept. were up in arms a week or two ago about a memo circulated by Mr. Macburnie the 'second in command' there. In the memo Macburnie complains about the lack of 'discipline' 'efficiency' and ' respect for other members of staff in the dept.' Those are pretty damning things to say about your own Department.

### Goat

But, when it all comes down to it, what really gets the goat of Mr. Macburnie is not, for example, the massive losses made by Tameside Theatre, nor the Park Rangers system, which everyone, including some Park Rangers, seems to hate, No, what really annoys Mr. Macburnie is that "Junior members of staff..... refer to senior officers.....by their christian names... a practice which must stop forthwith?!.!.

## Grapevine

Watch out for Grapevine!
A new BBC2 programme about self help communities. It will give ideas on Tenants Associations, running community festivals, organising food co-ops etc. Goes out every Monday starting June 13th at 7.40pm.

**Web 330 5664**

## nazis

A few weeks ago the council voted to allow the National Front party to use public buildings for meetings. Later the vote was challenged and has yet to be confirmed. If the vote is confirmed, Tameside will be the only place in this part of the North West where these nasty neo-nazis can meet.

### 'Violence

Which means that they will be converging on the area in considerable numbers.

Which will almost certainly mean noisy demonstrations, angry confrontations and quite probably street violence.

Who needs it ?

## health ills

TOP PRIORITY AT ASHTON GENERAL.....building more car parks and constructing 3ft. high long low walls that serve no purpose other than to decorate the place. They even knocked down some walls to build some more.
Which under employed administrator thought up these brilliant schemes? Can any of WEB's readers suggest how the moneyxx could have been better spent? One idea we had was a supply of footstools for elderly patients suffering from oedema (swollen ankles). Apparently, footstools are a rare commodity in the hospital.

## maternity

Why are mothers who have had normal deliveries asked to stay in Ashton General Maternity Unit longer than necessary? To give them a rest? No, we thought that, but it seems that they have TOO MUCH space at Ashton Maternity Dept. When the rest of the hospital is crying out for beds and often has to borrow from other depts. or hospitals, Maternity is frightened lest the bed returns show how few of their beds are used- ONLY HALF.

## party

Here's a special party game for WEB readers. Go up to Ashton General, get into a wheelchair and go into Casualty. You'll get in OK, but now try and get out again. No way - the swing doors only swing one way- Inwards!

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# West End WORMS

In Tameside the number of worms to be found in any given acre of open land will be around the half million mark. Some may say "so what?" such is the importance of these spineless and deaf creatures that life as we know it could not exist.

## decaying matter

The earthworm eats all manner of decaying matter and moves around ten tons of earth each year, and in doing so leaves a network of very small tunnels which help water and oxygen to reach the roots of plants.

During the process of living this creature creates a very high quality of soil which in turn is responsible for all the green land around us, there are three thousand different species of earthworm in the world. The British variety is rarely found below ten feet from the surface but can survive at ten thousand feet below sea level.

## tasty

But for the fact that the first baby worm to hatch out eats the remaining eggs, and the fact that they are so tasty to the bird population, the earthworm would soon outnumber the insect population.

This creature is very interesting to say the least, If you cut them up, each part will grow into another worm, they are hermaphrodite, that is to say in theory all adult worms are capable of laying eggs and the most interesting fact is that they have eight hearts.

## tragedy

Even during the war the Dutch Government thought the worm was of such importance that when half a million acreas of land was temporarily flooded by the sea, killing all the worms, they set about the task of importing forty million of them.

So, remember that mums, when you put your hand in little Johnny's pocket and go "yeeuch"

SOME OF THE PEOPLE YOU

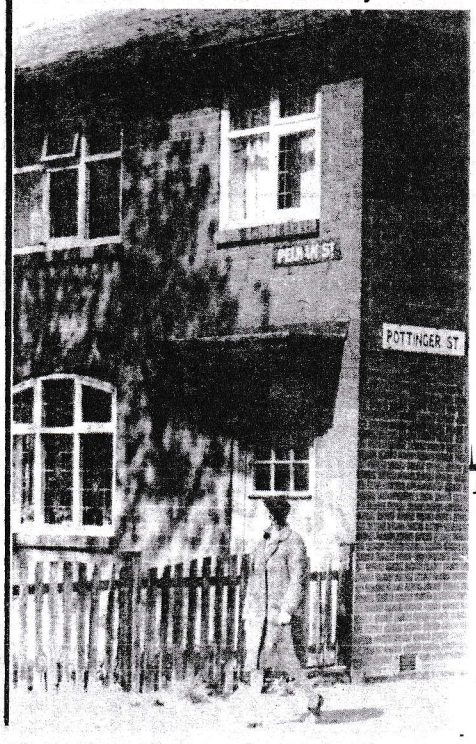
# The

NAME. Bill Copson AGE. 35 JOB. Owns bike shop, Trafalgar Sq. BIKES. Ex-works Matchless G.45 solo; Triumph Douglas Norton side car, B.M.W. side cars. CAREER. Road racing 1958 - ; solos at first, graduated to side cars after breaking neck at Malory Park 1959, Raced at club, national and international levels; 7th in T. T., 1st in Austrian G.P., 1st in Belgian G.P., 5th in Spanish G.P., now thinking of starting again.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE T/SIDE MOTO-CROSS CLUB RING LES AT 330 4368.

# MODERNISATION!

A number of the council tenants living on Pelham, Marlborough and Fitzroy Streets will already know that the proposed council modernisation scheme is just getting under way.
The work is being done by private contractors and about 140 properties will be tackled,




Most of the work will consist of replacing kitchen and bathroom furnishings, as well as old window frames and the electric, where necessary.
WEB hears that wherever possible they are hoping to do the modernisation in such a way that people will not have to move out, although in Fitzroy St. there may be difficulties as there is the added problem of subsidance.
Some of the three bedroomed houses will have to be reduced to two, and the length of time needed for the modernisation in any one property could be as long as 10 weeks.
If you think you might be affected by this scheme and you want more information the best thing you can do is telephone the Housing Dept. at Denton. Tel. 336-6431.

AT W.E. COMMUNITY CENTRE

web BAR FOOD folknight 25p. july 2nd 8.p.m.

# West End Wheelies

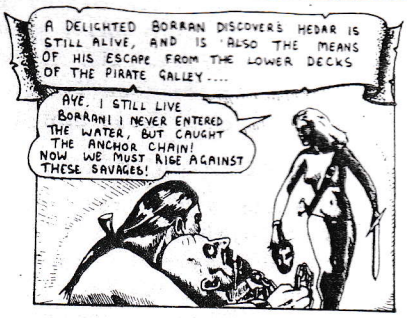
NAME: Les Harris. AGE 52. JOB. Self employed. BIKES: 250cc N.S.U., 125cc Bultaco, 250cc Bultaco. LIVES: Stockport Rd. CAREER: Started road racing 1965 aged 40!! Always "fancied it" but never had time or money until then. Soon, he was beating younger riders to first six in Clubman races. Retired after close friend was paralysed from neck down in grass-track accident.

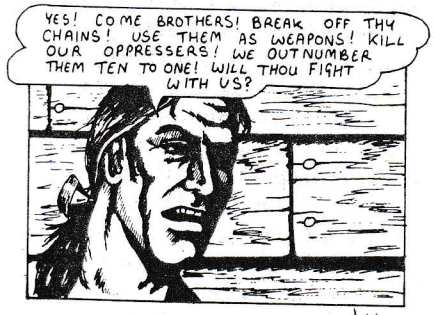
NAME: Paul (Bomber)Harrison. AGE: 26. JOB. Works at 'Town and Country Motors' Stockport Rd. BIKES: 360cc Bultaco, 400cc Yamaha. CAREER: Started scrambling in 1976 because he was 'bored'. Now one of the most consistent riders on the Tameside Club Team.

INTERESTED PHONE 330 4368

NAME: Daryl Harris. AGE 16. JOB. 6th former at Ashton Grammar school. LIVES. Stockport Rd. BIKES. 360cc Montesa Scrambler. CAREER. Started scrambling 1977. After seven meetings moved from junior to senior class and won two trophies. Top scorer for Tameside Club.

NAME: Alan Dawson. AGE 30. LIVES. Manchester Rd. BIKES. 400cc Yamaha. CAREER. Started scrambling in 1976. Rose from Junior to senior classes after one meeting! Notched up 15 trophies so far. Now sponsored by Claremont Motors.



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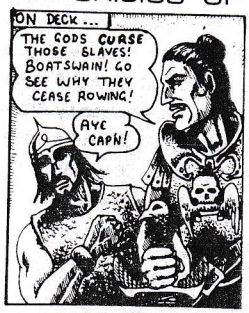


# LETTERS

WEB would like to point out that the views expressed in letters printed are individual's opinions and not editorial policy.

## Gimme SHELTER

Dear WEB,

Shelter would like to congratulate members of WECRA on the imaginative and determined way they have at last brought some progress in the West End clearance area.

» ADVERTISE « IN WEB!
Ring 330 5664 for rates.

We feel that people in other clearance areas could help themselves in a similar way, and to assist them we have begun distributing information in certain districts, including the MossleyRd/Queens Rd. proposed clearance area. This has stimulated several enquiries to Shelter and we hear that the relevant Depts. in Tameside are being peppered with questions from these areas.

Small ADS 330-5664
FREE! in WEB

STOP THIS DEMOLITION!

However, we are interested not only in getting people re-housed from properties that are obviously unfit, but we would also like to question whether some of the housing needs to be pulled down. I have been in some which are neither damp nor lacking in basic amenities and I wonder, with such a shortage of money available for housing, why a more serious look could not be given to rehabilitation of some of these dwellings.

PUBLIC MEETING.

At our next public meeting on JUNE 15th at the Ashton Town Hall at 7.30 ..... we have invited Mike Yelland, a private developer, to tell us about the way he has converted several condemned properties in clearance areas into attractive dwellings more fit for habitation than many of the modern houses going up.
Come along and hear how he did it. You'll be quite impressed. You will also have the chance to raise questions on the more general topic of renovation and demolition with a panel of experts.

Sincerely,
Helen Marks (Shelter Secretary)

## JUBILEE DISSENT

DEAR WEB,

In this year of hysteria I feel that I must make the point that not everyone in this country is drooling over the Silver Jubilee. Some of the rubbish written about Royalty in the national press would insult the intelligence of a two year old.
Over the years I have read that Princess Anne "could get to Wimbledon" if she tried, that Prince Charles has a body swerve "Like Stanley Mathews" (this next to a photo of Charlie galloping past a little boy lying on the ground) and, years later, an identical photo of one of Charlie's brothers captioned in just the same way.

Get things done!
Write to WEB
1, Hawthorne Grove,

SILVER LINING

When Margaret is pictured laughing when just after getting rid of Snowdon the Sun tells us that she is laughing "through her pain".

We are told that flying to Australia is "exhausting for the Queen". It is exhausting if you fly economy class, but not in the luxury the Queen flies in.
Do we really believe that the Queen opens all her letters herself? If so, in this year of Jubilee she must be doing it forty eight hours a day.

Be a W.E.B. local Reporter

SPEND OR SUFFER

We are closing hospitals down and destroying the welfare state and yet astronomical sums are being spent on the Jubilee. (£170,000 on painting Pall Mall alone). M. P.'s complain about the cost of policing United fans, but what about the cost of extra police whenever a member of the Royal Family moves?
Many people in this country dislike the Monarchy and the class system it condones, but anyone who says so is branded by the media as a communist, a militant or a buffoon. The media leads us by the nose like trained monkeys over these things.

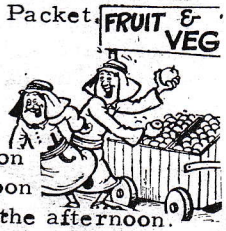
ROYAL RUBBISH.

If people want to read rubbish about Royalty it should be printed in special supplements in the Beano, leaving space in the grown-ups papers for things that really matter like our children's health, education and future and how are we going to pay for food, gas and electricity, and not the absolutely "amazing" phenomenon of Annes baby or the "ravishing beauty" of Charlies latest woman.

L. Harris.

# Kids' Street

PK Penny a packet
First you chew it, then you crack it
Then you stick it to your jacket
PK Penny a Packet.




Too late too soon
To catch the moon
To go to bed in the afternoon.

Apple, orange, banana peel
Fish and chips will make a meal.

Under the palm tree
Under the bush
Bom Bom Bom
True love for you
and true lover for me
Bom Bom Bom
And when we marry
we'll raise a family
Under the Palm Tree
Under the bush.

CAN YOU REMEMBER ANY SONGS YOU USED TO SKIP, PLAY BALL, DANCE TO ETC? SEND WEB YOUR KIDS SONGS & RHYMES AND WE'LL PUT THEM IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

# Songs & Chants

Cowboy Joe from Mexico
Hands up, stick 'em up
Drop your guns pick 'em up.

Jelly on a plate, jelly on a plate
wibble wobble, wibble wobble
Jelly on a plate

Mathew, Mark, Luke & John,
Next door neighbour carry on.

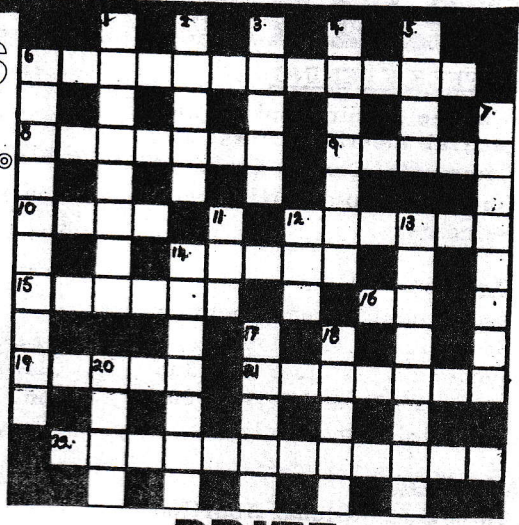
# Rycrofter's Memories.

Remember the old two storey day school of Trafalgar Sq. which was then cobbled? We paid 1d, 2d, 3d, according to age. The highlight of this school, as I remember, was Empire Day. We were all led out into the square with lots of our parents looking on. Then we sang 'What is the meaning of Empire Day'. It went something like this

What is the meaning of Empire day ?
Why do the cannons roar?
Why does the cry 'God save the King' echo from shore to shore.
Why does the flag that we adore
Proud of it's almighty sway
England expects that every man
Will duty's call obey
Our glorious Empire day.

On each Nation's deed of glory
With its deed of glory told
There is writ the story
Of our heroes bold
In days of old
So keep their deeds before us
Every year we homage pay
To our banner proud, that has never bowed
And that's the meaning of Empire day.

After this we all sang the National Anthem.



# PRIZE CROSSWORD

kindly provided by Mrs. Brenda Torr.

ACROSS.
6. Quarrelsome
8. Nourishment
9. Dark
10. Travel
12. Coat
14. Offer reasons
15. Investigate
16. Effect
19. Come to mind
21. Swept
22. Open building with seats.

SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE.

DOWN
1. Judging of rank or wealth.
2. Reckoning
3. Short measure
4. Noisy row
5. Ladder part
6. Census
7. Given fright
11. Unit of measurement.
12. Mass of hair
13. Plant-like animal
14. Lawlessness
17. Lessen
18. Potato
20. Form a lodge

TWO FREE TICKETS FOR WEB FOLKNIGHT (2.7.77) TO FIRST CORRECT ENTRY SENT TO 1 HAWTHORN GROVE. A.U.L.

# muckymods

Mrs. Hoflam of Pelham St. is angry about a picture that appeared in Web 3. It showed two Ryecroft residents sweeping their pavements as part of a clean-up campaign in the area. Mrs. Hoflam, who has lived in the West End for forty years, remembers when everybody cleaned and stoned their pavements as a matter of course. If everybody did that now, says Mrs. Hoflam, there'd be no need for a clean-up campaign of this sort.

What do you think? Are we less clean and tidy than our grandparents were? It's interesting to note that the clean-up campaign reported in WEB 3 never got off the ground! Maybe Mrs. Hoflam is right ?

# look!

DID YOU KNOW THAT 12 MILLION POUNDS WORTH OF WELFARE MILK WAS UNCLAIMED LAST YEAR?

Do you know how to claim free prescriptions, free dental treatment, free school dinners. If you need any help or advice about claiming state benefits the CLAIMANTS UNION is in the West End to help you. They will also help to represent you at Labour Exchanges, S.S. Offices and Appeals Tribunals. Every Thursday 12-3 at the Community Centre.

# AGE CONCERN

Age concern are conducting a survey throughout Tameside into the needs and problems of the elderly, and they will be starting to survey the West End area this week.
The police and Social Services are aware of what is to happen and everyone concerned with the project carries an identity card.

**CHECK FIRST!**

Should you be visited by one of Age Concern's representatives please ensure that you see the identity card before you let them into your home.

Age Concern also have a full-time Welfare Rights Officer who will be very glad to advise on any problem, financial or legal. He can be contacted direct at:-
Age Concern, Clarkson House, Wilton St., Denton. Tel. 336 3583

# BACK TO NATURE

Quite a number of the residents who share the 'big back' between Trafalgar St. and Ryecroft St. had a meeting recently with a representative from Tameside to discuss plans for the landscaping and general improvement of the back. Strong reservations were expressed about a small part of it becoming a play area, but there was an agreement that the piece of land needed tidying up and grassing over. Flower beds, shrubs and trees were also thought to be a goodidea.
Tameside are now drawing up proper plans based on this discussion and there will be another meeting soon for the residents to check out the proposals.

**WEB needs YOU!**

FOLK NIGHT

Come to a folk night and support WEB. 2nd July at West End Community Centre. Start 8.00. Tickets 25p.

COMMUNITY HELP

Volunteers needed for help in the community. Contact Meg at Clyde House 339-2345.

MUMS AND TOTS

Ever since the Mums & Tots started earlier this year it's been growing bigger and bigger! So much so that it's now meeting four mornings a week. If you feel like coming along you'll be made very welcome. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30 at the Community Centre.

# WHATS ON

COFFEE EVENING

A coffee evening and annual general meeting, West End Community Centre Tues. 21. June at 8.00pm. All very welcome.

NAC

Tameside National Abortion Campaign. Tameside gynaecologist gives talk and film. Wed. 22nd June 8.00pm Dukinfield Town Hall.

CAMPAIGN

Tameside National Abortion Campaign. Meet Town Hall steps Sat. June 25th. 11 am.

TUC DEMO

'Against Racialism. Meet at Gt. Ducie St. M/cr. Sat. 9th July, move off 1.30pm.

SHELTER

Shelter AGM, Ashton Town Hall June 15th (Wed). 7.30pm All Welcome.

CLAIMANTS UNION

Claimants Union giving advice on your rights, Community Centre every Thurs. 12.00 - 3.00pm.

GARDEN PARTY

St. Peter's Garden Party. Sat. July 9th at 2.30. Wheel of Fortune, win a goldfish etc!

# OLD STORY

What's happening on the cleared site along Victoria Street? The contractors are due to start work in late July or early Aug. and the plans are for 61 dwellings There will be 27 family houses, (mostly three bedroomed) and 34 flats (mostly 1 bed). The flats will mercifully be only 2-storey. So far so good, but things arn't looking too good for the children on the estate as the plans are for three small concreted areas for the toddlers - and thats all. So, quite what the older kids will be getting up to is anybody's guess.
If all goes according to plan the first families should be moving in during August 1978.

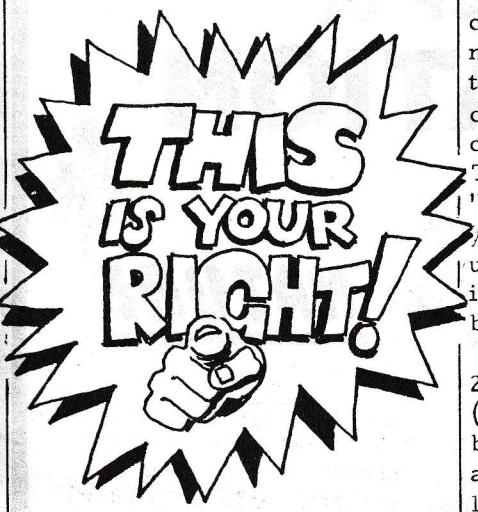
# SWOP SHOP

330 5664

Two 3ft. fish tanks on stands for pair of binoculars or wild life books.

To a genuine United supporter programmes from 1966-1969. For Childrens' Encyclopedias.
MORRIS 1000 New tyre and wheel (remould) for babys' tricycle. 1, Hawthorne Grove

Printed by Progress Printers.




# RENT

Laws about rent and rent increases are very complicated and confusing; Here is a simplified guide to the most important facts about rent costs - if you want to find out any more detailed information, please ask at your local Housing Aid Centre.

## When can a landlord put up the rent?

1. If you have been renting your house since 1957 or before, and if its rateable value is under £35.00, your tenancy is known as a CONTROLLED tenancy. This means that your Landlord can ONLY put up the rent if he makes improvements or repairs to the house. Rent canbe increased by up to 12½% of the cost of improvements or repairs. The Landlord has to send a "Notice of Increase" to warn you that the rent will be going up. Note: If your Landlord lives in the same house, get advice before applying for a fair rent.

2. OR, if the house has a bath (or shower), a sink, a hand basin, hot water and inside WC and is in good repair, the Landlord can apply to have the tenancy changed from CONTROLLED to REGULATED tenancy. This means that a rent officer will visit the house and decide upon a FAIR RENT. If the FAIR RENT is higher than the previous rent the tenant does not have to start paying the full FAIR RENT immediately; the rent is increased in gradual stages.

## What is a fair rent?

If your tenancy is not controlled (i.e. you moved in more recently than 1957 and the rateable value is over £35 00) you or your Landlord can apply to a Rent Officer to have a FAIR RENT assessed. A FAIR RENT takes into account the condition and furnishings of the house, its age, the area, and everything else connected with the house. If you are not sure what a 'fair' rent for your house would be you can get a rough idea by going to the Rent Office, 76 Stamford Street and looking at the register of fair rents for other houses in your area. This is open for public inspection. If you think that your rent is too high, or your Landlord puts up your rent you can apply to the Rent Officer and he will fix a FAIR RENT for your house. Your Landlord may not be pleased that you have applied to the Rent Officer, since your rent may be lowered as a result, but he cannot evict you - so don't be frightened by notices to quit.

For help of advice contact the HOUSING AID CENTRE
154 Stamford St. AUL
Tel: 330 8355.

**WEB needs a PHOTOGRAPHER.**
**Can you help?**
**tel. 330 5664**

**Mrs. Grainey**
**Baby Wear-Ladies Wear**
**Agent for Drycleaning**
**Alterations and Repairs**
**82, STOCKPORT Rd. A-U. L.**

**H&M Builders and Property Repairers**
All types of
PROPERTY REPAIRS . PLUMBING
PLASTERING . INSURANCE CLAIMS
EXTENSIONS . BATHROOM CONVERSIONS
MODERN WINDOWS AND DOORS
**RING**
**308 3230**
**or call**
H. HULME
101 Trafalgar Street
Ashton-under-Lyne
A. MYATT
10 Portugal Street
Ashton-under-Lyne

» PULL OUT AND KEEP «

# WEB INFORMATION

## TAMESIDE

AL TOX DIVISION,
Social Services. Mercian Hse.
( 330 8355 )
Advice, Enquiries, Complaints.
(all services- 330 8355)
Housing Dept., Victoria St.,
Denton, ( 336 6431 )
Building Services, Ryecroft
Hall, Audenshaw, (370 9611 )
Engineers, Highways, Sewers,
StreetLighting, (370 9611 )
Environmental Health,
Refuse Collection, Town Hall,
Stalybridge, (338 2245 -
emergency no. 338 2605 )
Education Dept., Dukinfield
Town Hall, (330 8300 )
Recreation Dept., Denton
Town Hall, (336 6431 )
Planning Dept., Hyde Town
Hall, (368 4044 )
Architects, Droylesden Town
Hall, (Concorde Suite),
(370 6111 )
Estates & Valuation, Jowets
Walk, (330 5636 or 368 5956)
Libraries & Arts, Jowets Walk,
(330 5636 )
Careers Office, 153a Stamford
St., A.U.L. (330 2931 )
Cemeteries. & Crematorium,
Kings Rd., A.U.L.(330 2760)

## 1 PARENT

ACTION FOR SINGLE PARENTS,
For info. about campaigns-
Peter Hildrew, 13 Grange Ave,
M/C 19.

GINGERBREAD GROUPS,
Ashton U.L. - West End
Community Centre, John St.
(339 2728)
Stalybridge - Copley
Community Centre, Demesne Dr.
(338 6230-
For info. contact Bill Jackson)

## YOUTH

YOUTH CLUB,
West End Community Centre,
Weds. 7.30.

## HOUSING & HOMELESS

HOUSING AID CENTRE.
Stamford St., A.U.L.(330 8355)

SHELTER.
Helen Marks. (698 3653)

M/C NIGHT SHELTER,
Harkness St., Ardwick.(275
5820)

STOPOVER,
8 Scarsdale Rd, M14.
(for homeless girls )(224 8594)

## WOMEN

BATTERED WIVES,
Clyde House, (339 2345)
Frank, (330 0392)
Meg, (330 5864)

WELFARE RIGHTS,
Clyde House, ( 339 2345)

M/C WOMENS AID CENTRE,
18 Stockton Rd, M/C21 (8814106)
MUMS & TOTS,
West EndCommunity Centre,
Tues. morns.(Contact Kath-
330 1259)

## ADVICE & RESOURCES

C.A.B.
205a Stamford St., A.U.L.
(330 2156)
LEGAL ADVICE,
Law Centre, M/C. (225 5111)
PRISONERS AID,
N.A.C.R.O. (N.W.region)
contact Jim McKinnon(881 1930)
SAMARITANS,
M/C- (834 9000 or 832 4608)
RESOURCES CENTRE,
Gore St., M/C. (236 0350)
TAMESIDE INFORMATION,
Town Hall, Market Place.
(330 8355)

## NATURE

ENVIRONMENT
Tameside Natural History Soc.
Dave Copeland - 339 2728.
Friends of the Earth
Dave Berry 336 5225 (day)

## HEALTH

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS,
Meet Wed. 7.30.(Contact -
Mike, 308 2005 )
ALCOHOL INFORMATION CENTRE,
Clyde House,(Day)(339 2345)
Harry,(Evenings) ( 273 6694)
Meg, ( 338 5864)
AL-ANON,
Jean, (273 6694)
FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Ashton General Hospital,
(ante-natal dept.) -330 4321
Mons: 6.45 to 8.45p.m.
Thurs:1.30 to 3.30p.m.

DRUGS
Lifeline Trust Daycentre,
31 Mosley Street.
Mon-Fri: 11.00 to 6.00pm.
228 2460

BRITISH PREGNANCY ADVICE SERVICE
(Advice on abortion, sexual problems, contraception )
236 6569

V.D. CLINIC - M/C Royal
Infirmary. Oxford Rd M/R 13.
273 3300

LOCAL G.P.'s.
A. Hamlet.
M. Patel.
B. Kalcev.
G. Patel.
Highlands Group Practice,
156, Stockport Road A.U.L.
330 2440

M. D. Isaacs.
I. S. Agarwal.
1, Trafalgar Square, A.U.L.
330 2131